



## Omaiki Product Care Instructions

### Before first usage :

- Do NOT use diaper creams containing zinc, mineral oil, petroleum jelly with washable diapers.
- Do NOT use bleach or stain remover products (ei. Oxy...) on a regular basis.
- The use of dryer machine is crucial when preparing the diapers, as it strengthen fibers and seams.
- Always use a delicate soap (no additive) in a minimum quantity.
- Do NOT use fabric softeners.
- NEVER use sanitize cycle to wash any of Omaiki products.

Preparatory stage is very important for two reasons. First, it allows the fiber to achieve a higher level of absorption (bamboo reaches it's highest absorption level when washed around 10 times). Also, the fibers contain natural oils in order to be transformed into fabric. These oils may create a barrier and you may experiment some leakage. By preparing your diapers as following, you ensure an exceptional performance level with your Omaiki diapers.

### For all Omaiki products :

- ✓ Make sure to wash thoroughly your diapers before first use.
- ✓ To do so, you should wash 3-4 times your diapers in hot water and ensure to perfectly dry them in the dryer machine between washes.
- ✓ To avoid washing "clean" diapers, you can wash your diapers a few times and start using them. Though make sure the diaper won't stay longer than 2 hours on baby, as the bamboo efficiency won't be at its highest level.
- ✓ You can also perform this preparation while washing a load of towels for example.
- ✓ For the first washes (2), do not wash your new products in the same load than other diapers that have already been prepared. This way, you avoid any transfer of the oils contained in the new fabric to other diapers.
- ✓ The diapers will reach their full efficiency level after about 10 washes.
- ✓ Suggested washing sequence: rinse (cold water), wash (warm or hot), rinse (cold or warm).
- ✓ If using a frontload machine, you must double-cross machine with a soaking/rinsing cycle. The machine will program the quantity of water according to the weight of the load. To do so, start a rinse or a soak and stop this cycle once the diapers are saturated with water. Then start your regular machine wash. This trick may (and must) be used for all your diapers washes. It allows more water, so are more efficient wash cycle.
- ✓ Complete the preparation by drying your diapers in a dryer machine, at a medium temperature setting.

### Omaiki Daily Care Instructions :

- ✓ Omaiki requires no soak for any of their products (unless for Maxis and Panty liners, see particular instructions). This method avoids early deterioration of materials part of the diaper.
- ✓ After use, make sure you get rid of solids in the toilet. For your easiest convenience, we recommend to use Ö disposable liners.
- ✓ Store your diapers in a large Wet Bag (such as Ö Laundry wet bags) or in a bucket with lid (for odors and curious babies).
- ✓ Wash diapers every 2-3 days.
- ✓ Make sure you close the fasteners.
- ✓ For Ö pocket diapers, you can either remove the insert now, or at the moment you wash them, according to what you prefer.
- ✓ Recommended sequence washing is : rinse (cold water), wash (warm or hot), rinse (cold or warm).
- ✓ Omaiki recommend delicate soap (no additives) such as Ö Laundry soap or other delicate soap, with warm or hot water. Be careful: a lot of soaps claim to be baby friendly but can contain products which may cause a barrier on the diaper (brighteners, whitening agents, oils, softeners, perfumes, phosphates, etc.) or rashes.
- ✓ Never use fabric softeners, which could damage your diapers. Even liquid softeners used with regular clothes in machine are banned.
- ✓ Make sure you always use a minimal amount of soap. Like our clothes to be cleaned thoroughly, diapers do not require a large amount of detergent, but larger volume of water. By reducing the amount of soap used, you avoid many problems because by detergent residues. Those can accumulate on your diapers and impair the absorption or even lead to unpleasant odor of ammonia.
- ✓ Do not overload the machine because diapers need room to be cleaned. We recommend loads of 18 diapers.
- ✓ If you use a frontload machine, the ideal is to double-cross the machine (the water level is measured by load weight). To do so, start soak or rinse cycle. Once the diapers have soaked, stop this cycle and start washing. The machine is reset with the weight of wet diapers and provide more water for more efficient washing
- ✓ Drying diapers in the dryer machine is possible, though we longevity and appearance may be degraded, if every time diapers are washed they go through dryer cycle. Best is to use clothes lines. To speed up time in the dryer, add in the machine a large dry towel, this helps removing humidity left in the diapers while drying.
- ✓ An extra spin cycle helps to speed up drying time.
- ✓ Diapers that have been dried on the clothe line can get rough and boardy. To prevent this, put the diapers in the dryer at low for a few minutes. They will regain flexibility and softness.
- ✓ Although dryer is not recommended every laundry cycle, we suggest to have products machine dried every so often (1 time every 4 or 6 washes). This helps to maintain impermeability and avoid leaks. Also your diapers fabrics will stay soft and flexible longer.

For more information on Omaiki products, please visit a retailer near you. You will find the closest here : [www.omaiki.com](http://www.omaiki.com).



## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

### Ö Signature

#### Regular use:

It goes without saying that Ö Signature diapers are series diapers. They should be considered as a jewel and should therefore receive special treatment to preserve their beauty. They are resistant and have been tested in the harshest conditions, but a trimming stays delicate and should be handled as such.

Diaper (pocket)

We recommend washing your diapers in warm water; however, you can wash in hot water once in a while. As the trimming is only applied on the pocket, which is not the absorbent part of the diaper, warm water is suitable.

We highly recommend air drying, (cloth line).

If machine dryer is required, make sure it is for a limited time and a low temperature setting.

As jewelry is applied on the pockets of Ö Signature diapers, we recommend not to leave too long in a bucket between washes. Contact with urine for too long may deteriorate the gloss and shine of the stones.

### Ö For Her

#### Between washes:

For Panty liners and Maxi pads with blood, we suggest you rinse in cold water after use. You can also soak in water until your next wash. The level of effectiveness will not be affected. However, as the blood tends to stain, by rinsing/soaking, you may keep them white longer.

If the stains does not bother you, you can simply close them before throwing them in the laundry bag, without further preparation.

#### Regular care:

You can simply add your Ö For Her products in your family daily laundry or even with your diaper laundry. Blood is a substance that stains, it is normal that on the long run, the product changes color. To remove most of the staining, you may use special products for stains that will help out. Without making your product less effective. A small quantity of this product can be applied directly on the stain or even some added in the soaking water. However, when using those products make sure to rinse thoroughly to avoid skin irritation.

### Residues...

"Laundering for residues should not be applied regularly (and should NOT be consider such as), however it may be useful if you encounter some problems: strong ammonia odors, recurrent leaks or irritation on baby's skin. Most of the time these symptoms are signs that you may experiment soap residue problems on your diapers. The cause of soap residue may vary. It can be caused by using too much laundry soap, too little water during washing, or even a mixture urine/feces/soap, which may eventually inlay deeply in the fibers.

If you experience any or all of these problems, the first thing to do is to wash thoroughly your diapers in hot clear water (without soap).

If the problem is recent, 2 to 3 washes in hot clear water, dried in the machine will most likely resolve this unpleasant situation.

The situation continues? Continue with 2 to 3 washes in hot water with the following products in combination (¼ cup - 1 / 8 cup machine front): equal quantity of white vinegar and stain remover detergent Oxy or Bio-Vert style, or baking soda.

If using a frontload machine, you must double-cross machine with a soaking/rinsing cycle. The machine will program the quantity of water according to the weight of the load. To do so, start a rinse or a soak and stop this cycle once the diapers are saturated with water. Then start your regular machine wash.

This trick may (and must) be used for all your diapers washes. It allows more water, so are more efficient wash cycle.

Finally, a last wash in hot clear water will help the diapers to be cleaned from any substance left.

Diapers must be dried in the machine to make sure they are functional and ready to use.

The bleach is not recommended because it can damage the diapers and create irritation on baby's skin.

This type of washing should be done occasionally and should not be part of the daily care. Otherwise, you expose your diapers to premature wearing and baby's skin to become more sensitive.

### STAINS

It is normal, despite the best maintenance possible, that some of your diapers will stain. Some procedures are effective.

First, make sure you first rinse your diapers in cold water. Hot water easily fix colors, so stains on the fabric will surely remain

-The worst enemy of stains is the sun. In summer, use the cloth line and during winter install your diapers, near a window in direct sunlight. Ideally diapers should still be wet.

For stubborn stains, a little lemon juice goes a long way. Apply directly in the stains and lay in the sunlight. Lemon juice is very acidic, once the stains are lighter, you should wash them again before using on baby's skin.

### Ö Laundry Soap

Ö Laundry Soap is a neutral laundry detergent composed of biodegradable surfactants, specially created for diapers.

APPLICATION: Put diapers in the washing machine and start with a rinse cycle in cold water. This allows eliminating any left out solids first. Continue with a wash cycle in warm or hot water (follow diaper manufacturer care instructions for the temperature). Complete with an extra warm water rinse, to make sure no soap is still holding on fabrics. Ö Laundry Soap is as safe for top load machines as for front load machines.

#### Quantities\* -\*\*

Front load machine

3.75 - 7.5 ml (3/4 - 1 ½ teaspoon)

Top load machine

30-62.5 ml (1/8-1/4 cup)

#### Properties

Appearance: Clear liquid

Odor: Lime

pH (as is) : Neutral

\*Quantities suggested are indicated for information purposes. It may vary depending on machine type, water used and size of the load. We recommend testing first with your own machine and washing routine, in order to find exactly which quantity works best for you.

\*\* Quantities suggested were calculated, based on loads of 18 diapers. Ö Laundry Soap is also effective for any other clothes or fabrics in the house. In this case, the quantity of soap used must be adjusted in consequences, by evaluating the size of the load.